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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
BRUNNER et al.

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International Application
PCT/EP 98/08346

Filed: December 18, 1998

For: HYDROGENATION OF BENZENEPOLYCARBOXYLIC ACIDS OR DERIVATIVES
THEREOF USING A CATALYST CONTAINING MACROPORES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-10 and substitute new claims 11-30 on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The claims in the case are claims 11-30. The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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